

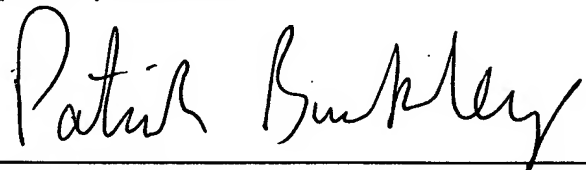
REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 20-22 will be amended and claims 27-28 will be canceled. As a result, claims 1-26 and 29-30 will remain pending. The claims have been amended solely to expedite prosecution of the present application, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the originally filed claims in this application and in other applications.

Allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments.

In particular, the abstract and claims 20-22 have been amended in view of the Examiner's helpful comments, and claims 27-28 have been canceled. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0191.

Respectfully submitted,



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